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IN THE DRAWINGS

Enclosed are Figures 1-5 with the corrected drawing sheets shown in red in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d). The drawings are labeled as REPLACEMENT SHEETS in compliance with the rules. The drawings do not introduce any new matter into the application.

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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006. In the Office Action, the Patent Office states that the reply filed on December 13, 2005 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. The Patent Office stated that the status identifier for Claim 1 should have read --(Currently Amended)--. Moreover, the Patent Office stated that the abstract still had an occurrence of the term "means". Moreover, the previously filed drawings filed on September 11, 2003 should have been labeled in the top margin as "Replacement Sheets".

Applicant submits the replacement drawings with the marking "Replacement Sheets" as set forth in 37 CFR 1.111. Additionally, Applicant has amended to the abstract to remove the term "means." Finally, Applicant has added the status identifier to claim 1 to read "(Currently Amended)". Applicant respectfully submits that the objections have been overcome. Notice to that effect is requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the application are in allowable form and that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any outstanding issues remain, Applicant urges the Patent Office to telephone Applicant's attorney so that the same may be resolved and the application expedited to issue. Applicant requests the Patent Office to indicate all claims as allowable and to pass the application to issue.

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